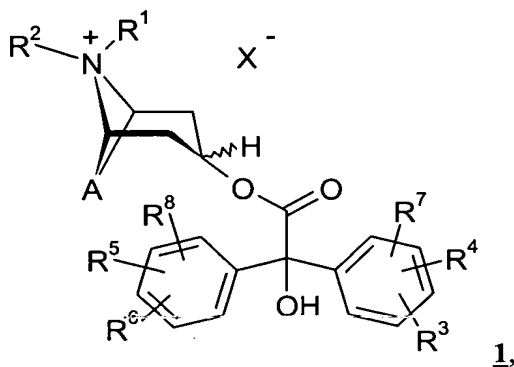


Amendments to the Claims

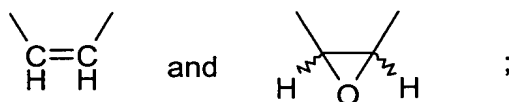
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

--1. (currently amended) A compound of formula 1



wherein:

A is a group selected from



X^- is an anion with a single negative charge;

R^1 and R^2 are each independently a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or halogen; ~~and~~

R^3 and R^5 are each independently C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF_3 , CN, NO_2 , or halogen; and

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF_3 , CN, NO_2 , or halogen;

~~with the proviso that at least one of the groups R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 is not hydrogen.~~

--2. (currently amended) The compounds of formula 1 according to claim 1, wherein:

X^- is an anion selected from the group consisting of chloride, bromide, methylsulfate, 4-toluenesulfonate, and methanesulfonate;

R^1 and R^2 are each independently a group selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, and isopropyl, each optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine; ~~and~~

R³ and R⁵ are each independently methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF₃, or NO₂; and

R³-, R⁴-, R⁵-, R⁶-, R⁷-, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF₃, or NO₂.--

--3. (currently amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 1, wherein:

X⁻ is bromide;

R¹ and R² are each independently methyl or ethyl; ~~and~~

R³ and R⁵ are each independently methyl, methyloxy, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine;

R³-, R⁴-, R⁵-, R⁶-, R⁷-, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, methyl, methyloxy, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine.--

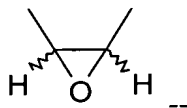
--4. (currently amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 3, wherein:

R³ and R⁵ are each independently fluorine, chlorine, or bromine; and

R³-, R⁴-, R⁵-, R⁶-, R⁷-, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine.--

--5. (previously presented) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 4, wherein:

A is



--6. (currently amended) The compound of formula 1 according to claim 1, wherein:

R¹ and R² are each methyl; ~~and~~

R³ and R⁵ are each fluorine; and

R³-, R⁴-, R⁵-, R⁶-, R⁷-, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen or fluorine.--

--7. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula 1 according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or carrier.--

--8. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula 1 according to claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or carrier.--

--9. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula 1 according to claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or carrier.--

--10. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula 1 according to claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or carrier.--

--11. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula 1 according to claim 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or carrier.--

--12. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula 1 according to claim 6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and/or carrier.--

--13. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7, further comprising an additional active substance selected from the group consisting of betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.--

--14. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8, further comprising an additional active substance selected from the group consisting of betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.--

--15. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, further comprising an additional active substance selected from the group consisting of betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.--

--16. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 10, further comprising an additional active substance selected from the group consisting of betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.--

--17. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 11, further comprising an additional active substance selected from the group consisting of betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.--

- 18. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12, further comprising an additional active substance selected from the group consisting of betamimetics, antiallergic agents, PAF-antagonists, leukotriene-antagonists, and steroids.--
- 19. (previously presented) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 1.--
- 20. (previously presented) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 2.--
- 21. (previously presented) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 3.--
- 22. (previously presented) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 4.--
- 23. (previously presented) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 5.--
- 24. (previously presented) A method of treating diseases in which anticholinergics provide a therapeutic benefit, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 6.--
- 25. (original) A method of treating asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, or menstrual disorders, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 1.--

--26. (original) A method of treating asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, or menstrual disorders, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 2.--

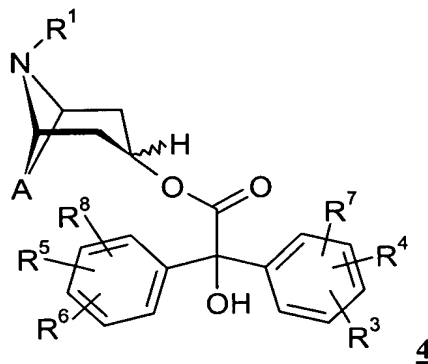
--27. (original) A method of treating asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, or menstrual disorders, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 3.--

--28. (original) A method of treating asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, or menstrual disorders, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 4.--

--29. (original) A method of treating asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, or menstrual disorders, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 5.--

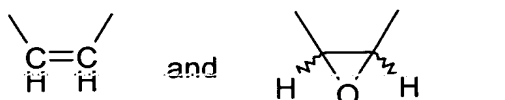
--30. (original) A method of treating asthma, COPD, vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders, spasms in the gastrointestinal tract, spasms in the urinary tract, or menstrual disorders, comprising administering to a host in need of such treatment a compound of formula 1 according to claim 6.--

--31. (currently amended) A compound of formula 4



wherein:

A is a group selected from



~~R¹ is a C₁-C₄-alkyl optionally substituted with hydroxy or halogen; and~~

R³ and R⁵ are each independently C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen; and

~~R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen;~~

~~with the proviso that at least one of the groups R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ is not hydrogen.--~~

--32. (currently amended) The compound of formula 4 according to claim 31, wherein:

R¹ is a group selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, and isopropyl, each optionally substituted by hydroxy or fluorine;

R³ and R⁵ are each independently methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF₃, or NO₂; and

~~R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF₃, or NO₂.--~~

--33. (currently amended) The compound of formula 4 according to claim 31, wherein:

R¹ is methyl or ethyl; and

R³ and R⁵ are each independently methyl, methyloxy, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine; and

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each independently hydrogen, methyl, methyloxy, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine.--

--34. (currently amended) The compound of formula 4 according to claim 33, wherein:

R^3 and R^5 are each independently fluorine, chlorine, or bromine; and

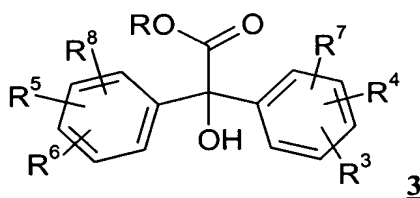
R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each independently hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine.--

--35. (currently amended) The compound of formula 4 according to claim 31, wherein:

R^3 and R^5 are each fluorine; and

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each independently hydrogen or fluorine.--

--36. (currently amended) A compound of formula 3



wherein:

R is C₁-C₄-alkyl; and

R^3 and R^5 are each independently C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen; and

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkyloxy, hydroxy, CF₃, CN, NO₂, or halogen;--

~~with the proviso that at least one of the groups R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 is not hydrogen.--~~

--37. (currently amended) The compound of formula 3 according to claim 36, wherein:

R^3 and R^5 are each independently methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF₃, or NO₂; and

R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are each independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, methyloxy, ethyloxy, hydroxy, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, CN, CF₃, or NO₂.--

--38. (currently amended) The compound of formula 3 according to claim 36, wherein:

R³ and R⁵ are each independently methyl, methyloxy, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine; and
R³-R⁴, R⁵-R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, methyl, methyloxy, fluorine,
chlorine, or bromine.--

--39. (currently amended) The compound of formula 3 according to claim 36, wherein:

R³ and R⁵ are each independently fluorine, chlorine, or bromine; and
R³-R⁴, R⁵-R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, or bromine.--

--40. (currently amended) The compound of formula 3 according to claim 36, wherein:

R³ and R⁵ are each fluorine; and
R³-R⁴, R⁵-R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are each independently hydrogen or fluorine.--